# **NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST**

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To: The Temple News, Gillian L. McGoldrick, Kelly Brennan

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### RELEVANT ACTION

The subject of this letter is the potential for The Temple News to publish a writing which could have the effect of harming the undersigned's reputation and thus, my ability to engage in gainful activity, by way of a false accusation.

## **DEMAND**

I, Morrease Leftwich, Jr., demand that The Temple News and its staff refrain from any action which could be construed as having the aforementioned effect.

## **LEGAL BASIS**

To perform any action with the above effect, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, you are committing defamation. The Pennsylvania General Assembly has determined the definition of a circumstance where a defendant may be held liable in a defamation suit in this state:

- 1. The communication must be defamatory;
- 2. It was published by the defendant;
- 3. It applies to the plaintiff;
- 4. It is understood to be defamatory;
- 5. It is understood to be applied to the plaintiff;
- 6. Special harm has or is likely to result from it to the plaintiff.

Please note that it is not required that the defamatory nature of a communication, nor the individual(s) it is directed to, be explicit. It is regularly found in the Pennsylvania Courts that defendants may be found liable for implicit defamation, as if it were explicit.

#### INTENTION

If I, Morrease Leftwich, Jr., find that at any point, The Temple News or its staff has published a communication which fits the above definition, I will utilize my legal right to bring a lawsuit against The Temple News, its staff which had a role in the communication's publication, and Temple University.

Signed,

Morrease Leftwich, Jr.